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The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance: Asakawa (U.S. Patent No. 5,117,109) is considered to be the closest art because it discloses a similar apparatus. The case has been allowed because the recited combination of element would not have been obvious from Asakawa (U.S. Patent No. 5,117,109).

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

Any inquiry concerning this communication should be directed to E. Therkorn at telephone number (571) 272-1149. The official fax number is (703) 872-9306.

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